

REMARKS

Claims 28-47 are pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

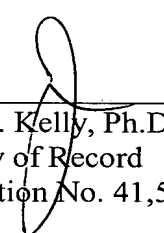
The rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, is believed to be obviated by the amendments submitted above. Claims 28, 33, 38 and 43 have been amended to specify "selecting transformed plants having raffinose synthetic activity of at least 4.7 nmol/hr/mg." As noted by the Examiner at page 3 of the Official Action dated September 22, 2005, this step is described in the specification. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The rejections of Claims 48-54 under 35 U.S.C. §102 are moot in view of the cancellation of those claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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